



Charles Lauersdorf

May 5, 1942 - April 18, 2006

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Kingsford - Charles Herbert Lauersdorf, 63, went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Tuesday, April 18, 2006, at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain after a courageous battle with Lou Gehrig's disease.

He was born on May 5, 1942, in Kingsford, the son of the late Herbert and Mary (Calvesio) Lauersdorf. Charles graduated from Kingsford High School in 1960.

On Sept. 30, 1961, he married Mary Joanne Marchand at the old Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

He worked at Grede Foundries for 40 years until his retirement in May 2004. Chuck was a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, where he was the pastor's helper at the Saturday night services.

He was well-known for his keen sense of humor. He wrote beautiful poetry for many of his friends for their anniversaries, birthdays, and when they were ill. He had some of his poems published in hard covered books, and he won the editor's choice award for many of these poems. He also had a short story called "Remember Me," that was published in a magazine called "Above the

Bridge."

He was also the best gardener in the neighborhood. His garden was his pride and joy, and his tomatoes were the best.

He loved his family and the family get-togethers. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Charles is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Mary; a daughter, Lori (Kenneth) Kiltinen of Kingsford; two sons, Charles (Diane) Lauersdorf of Iron Mountain and Gary (Shari Bal) of Norway; five grandchildren, Jesse, Lacey, Mike, Quinn, and Chris; two great-grandchildren Kayla and Devin; two special aunts, Hazel Stachowicz of Kingsford and Viola Hirvo of Spring Hill, Fla.; cousins in the surrounding area; a brother-in-law, Ray Marchand; a sister-in-law, Jeanette Marchand; and a nephew, Mike Marchand .

He was preceded in death by a son, Carl in 1990.

Chuck will be sadly missed by all who loved him.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at the church. Pastor Chad Ott will officiate.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Charles H. Lauersdorf online at www.tondinfuneralhome.com.

The Tondin-Ross & Freeman Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Tribute Wall

BS

“ I was best friends with chuck, charles son when i was little. I sat in their kitchen many times, and watched charles around the house. I just found out about his passing, and my heart goes out to mary(we knew her as joanne) and her children. Know that he is in a better place, and will always be with you in your hearts and spirits.

bob grafton - green bay, WI - friend of sons - April 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ My sincere sympathy is sent to your family at this difficult time. I was a classmate KHS 1960. My memories of Charles are happy. His kindness and caring nature stood out amongst our entire class. May our prayers help comfort you. God wrapped His arms around him May he enjoy the rewards in heaven. Until we meet again, my friend.

Pat (WOLSKER) Michaud - April 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ My heartfelt sympathy goes out to all of Charles' family members during this sad time. What a blessing to know that Charles trusted Jesus as his Savior and now is in His presence. My husband Bob and I last visited with Charles at the 1960 Kingsford Class reunion last year. His quiet unassuming manner had not changed since high school days. He was a gentleman. My prayer is that God will give you comfort and peace at this difficult time.

Karen (Langlois) Allen - April 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *My heartfelt condolences you family on the loss of Charles. Fortunately I had the opportunity to visit with him last summer and we had a good remembrance of old times. I can't remember when I didn't know Charles - when we were young we called him Sony. I was looking forward to visiting him again this summer. I fell sad for his loss.*

Matt Rodman

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